MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Thiruvella*): May I know how long is it since the Kottayam Municipality has been asking for the water supply?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: To my knowledge it has been in progress for three months.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the matter has been submitted to the Dewan earlier?

PRESIDENT: More than one deputation waited on me and I found that the municipality did not make any concrete suggestion. I found that there were departmental disputes between the Executive Engineer's Office and some Munsiff's Courts each office declining to give any portion of its land for the purpose of sinking a well. I ordered that if these offices took up this attitude and did not give land for the purpose of sinking a well they would be removed from those places. I suggested that within a week the Peishkar should meet the municipality and the magnates of the locality and put up a scheme. The Peishkar accordingly put up a scheme for sinking three wells, and those three wells have been sunk. Just a year's delay was due to the mutual correspondence between the Engineer's Office and some other office as to whether they should give an acre of their land for this purpose.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR: (*Nominated*): May I know whether the late Doraswami Aiyengar has left any scheme for the water supply of Kottayam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: My enquiries show that there is not any.

PRESIDENT: I myself have looked for it and I have not got it.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR: We had a discussion with him about the whole matter.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it does not show a lack of coordination between the different departments?

PRESIDENT: Quite so. That is just the reason why it has been tried to be prevented. Such lack of coordination will be very sternly dealt with.

*Water supply in the town of Kottayam.*

157 * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made till now in the investigation for water supply in the town of Kottayam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The construction of three wells to afford immediate redress is in progress. The question of providing a permanent pipe water supply is engaging the attention of Government. Investigation work for this will be taken up soon.

*Water supply in the town of Vaikom.*

158. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any investigation regarding water supply in the town of Vaikom; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage it is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is nearing completion.

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